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WITHIN THE WEEK

We rapidly approach the final phase of the European war. This conclusion is emphasized by two considerations—pace and potentials.

The aggressive teamwork of Allied forces, plus the monumental reserves both of manpower and of materiel, form a combination against which the Nazi supermen are relatively impotent. This is not to say that the war will end next wk, or necessarily next mo. But its conclusion is clearly marked. The German position, long hopeless, now grows desperate.

The liberation of Paris, the capture of Marseille, the Romanian armistice—events that, taken singly, would have been cause, only a short time ago, for a wk's celebration, now pile upon us with dizzying rapidity. What next?

There still remains important work to be done in France. High on the list of objectives is the task of cleaning out the bomb-nests. It is probable that we are already moving toward that end, but the project is necessarily secret. It is logical to assume strong resistance since the buzzbombs, now raining on England, represent Germany's only remaining chance of a softened peace. Once this threat is nullified, gloom and doom descend upon the reich.

German militarists face a variety of difficulties, but their greatest weakness at the moment is

probably transport. This traces back, as we told you some wks ago, to an absolute famine of lubricants. A want that may yet prove to be the "horseshoe nail" in contemporary Nazi history. The "freeze" of motorized equipment which we forecast is becoming apparent.

Lack of transport is holding the German 15th army pretty much in its present location, where it will very presently be overpowered by American, British and Canadian forces. West of the Rhine, German forces are largely defensive—infantry, with little transport. They should be no match for our armor.

ROMANIA: If Gen'l Santescu, new premier, carries forward his implied intent to attack Hungary over claim to n Transylvania, this may be 1st step in ushering in series of almost inevitable European clashes which may keep continent at war for a long time.

RUSSIA: As we foresaw last wk, gen'l Russian offensive opened this wk, with Red armies marching east toward the Baltic and Germany, and south into Balkans. Everywhere along 1200-mi front, from Finland to Black Sea, there was action.

PACIFIC: Keep at least one eye on this temporarily secondary ring. Big-scale bombing of Japanese cities is not too far away.



SHIFTING SANDS

Despite President's protestations to the contrary, considerable number of Congressmen are convinced that sending Nelson to China for several mo's is Administration move to ease strain between WPB and Army. Chas E Wilson, who now becomes acting chairman of WPB has sided with Army, been reluctant to push reconversion program. Best surmise is that program will suffer from lack of Nelson drive. . . Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, is admitting privately that rationing program (especially gasoline) will suffer with European armistice. OPA wants to conserve cars, but will have to ease up or face wholesale black mkt operations. . . ODT is telling midwest farmers they must take produce to nearest mkts and food-processing plants (except in cases where crops have been contracted to other sources.) Threat is that tires and gas will be denied those who wander far afield. Truck tire situation remains extremely tight.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"Only two major developments have emerged from the war—synthetic rubber and high-octane gas."—CHAS F KETTERING, v-p Gen'l Motors.

"I've been leading a dog's life. Everybody in town is kicking about me."—ANDERSON WARDEN, dog catcher, Beckley, W Va, tendering his resignation.

"I wish I knew!"—WFA spokesman, when asked by mbr of a Senate committee what gov't intends to do with \$150 million worth of eggs now in storage.

"I can simply say the single fact—the story is untrue."—STEPHEN EARLY, presidential sec'y, squelching rumor FDR & Churchill will meet in Paris "before U S election."

"My wife is 78, and still as good-looking a woman as you will find in Washington."—JAS E WATSON, veteran Republican senator from Ind, now practicing law in Washington.

"I didn't hate my baby; I disliked him."—Mrs BETTY DYBICZ, of Chicago, 19-yr-old mother, who confessed to blacking eye, breaking arm of her 5-wks-old infant son because "his crying was driving me crazy."

"If you didn't have the economic situation, you wouldn't have these cases."—Judge WM B FLYNN, of St Louis, attributing high percentage of divorces to wartime emotions and high wages. (In St Louis county, during 1st 4 mo's this yr, divorce petitions came within 2 of equalling number of marriage licenses issued.)

"May I express my pride in the sacrifice in which you so directly share, and my heartfelt sorrow for your loss."—Gov LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, of Mass, to Mrs. JEAN DORCHESTER HANSON, in a public ceremony honoring her son, missing in S Pacific. (Twenty-four hrs earlier, the Gov had rec'd word his own son, a marine sergeant, was killed in action, leading a patrol on Guam.)

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"A great day for France. Take our wine, take our food. Take anything you want!"—A Frenchman, to advancing Americans.

"Truman will help us more than he'll help Roosevelt."—Statement attributed (by DREW PEARSON) to Gov THOS E DEWEY.

"Universal military training is the most important provision which can be made by Congress and the American people for future defense of the nation."—HENRY L STIMSON, sec'y of War.

"Reasonable, inoffensive comfort is certainly consistent with dignity and fairness in the administration of justice."—Magistrate SOLOMON, of Brooklyn, doffing his judicial robe and inviting litigants, court attendants and spectators to remove their coats.

"The accident rate among handicapped workers is 5% lower than gen'l average."—WM GREEN, pres AFofL, addressing nat'l encampment Veterans of Foreign Wars. (AFofL protests action of insurance companies who up rates in plants where handicapped are employed.)

"Congress has given education the highest priority as a benefit for the veteran. It should not be lightly shoved aside by youth. . . When peace comes, there will be competition for work. Those who are best educated will come out on top."—OSCAR F KERLIN, sup't of schools, Elmira, N Y, urging under-18 group to remain in school.

"Tanks are to this war what horses were to Napoleon."—Canadian Business.

"I have seen more American equipment in one day than of our own in the past six mo's."—German war prisoner, in France..

"If I have to go, I'll move clear out of the U S—I'll go to Conn."—ABRAHAM BLISS NEWALL, informed that his Wild West museum in N Y will have to be moved, to make way for a new airport.

"We are usually normal when we talk, but put a pencil in our hands, or a stenographer at our side, and a mysterious change takes place."—Spokesman for Social Security board, in a campaign to simplify and clarify reports.

"Out our way, shuttlecocks are not regarded as a cost-of-living item."—Sen WILEY, of Wis, commenting on OPA order setting ceiling prices. (Shuttlecock is the "bird" used in playing badminton; the racquet you hit it with is a battledore, in case you care.)

"Any method of winning the war for us is the right method. It is up to us to see that only the effect is Bolshevik, but the origin German."—Schwarze Korps, official organ of Nazi SS, advocating adoption of Russian military technique (especially, it is assumed, the Red Army habit of winning battles!)

"I have never had any fancy for political charlatans or mountebanks . . . I don't concur in the idea that a perfectly decent and well-behaved and well-brought-up buffalo should, without any option on his part, bear such a stigma as you suggest."—HAROLD L ICKES, sec'y of Interior, in a letter to GERALD L K SMITH. (Smith addressed Ickes, as custodian of nat'l parks, announcing that the bison had been designated mascot of his group, and asking that one of the Yellowstone herd be named "America First".)

"You can always get ashore if you have the power!"—Rear Adm'l ALAN G KIRK, forecasting success of future U S landing operations.

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"The enemy is watching for an opportunity to land on our homeland."—Premier KUNIAKI KOISO, in a broadcast to Japanese people.

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"Whenever there is a knock at your door it will be a friendly one."—Jos H SMART, director Ft Ontario Emergency shelter, welcoming European refugees.

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"One of the chief weaknesses of Hollywood is the Columbus complex. The best minds there suffer from the 'discovery mania.'"—ALVA JOHNSTON, in a profile sketch of publicist RUSSELL BIRDWELL, in *New Yorker*.

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"The Lord, mighty in battles, has given us the victory. The news is very good from the war fronts all over the world. The end of the war is in sight. Let's finish off the business in record time."—Gen Sir BERNARD L MONTGOMERY, in a stirring order of the day, issued to British, American and Canadian armies under his over-all ground command.

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"An information committee of not less than 5 women should be appointed to pass along gossip and information and to effectively start a 'whispering campaign' that will rapidly pass thru every precinct the latest information."—From the chapter, *What Women Can Do*, of the handbook issued by Illinois Republican State Central committee.

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"Let us make sure. . . that by next Labor Day there will be an end to the wartime restrictions which have been imposed on labor. These restrictions, if left in the hands of the gov't, could destroy the institution of a free American labor movement and totally end the right of collective bargaining."—Gov THOS E DEWEY, in a Labor Day proclamation. (Pleading pressure of work, Gov DEWEY earlier declined to issue Labor Day message specifically for official organ of AFofL.)

"The days of great battle in France are ended. One good sledgehammer blow by the Russians, coupled with our effort in the west, will finish the war."—A British Hdq officer, quoted in an AP dispatch.

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"If it wouldn't be for roosters, there wouldn't be any chickens at all."—Edw TEWS, St Louis poultry fancier, asking rescinding of city ordinance which limits fowls to 30, bans roosters.

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"Give our engineers 48 hrs and they'll have that thing straightened out."—Sgt JAS E FARMER, of Army Public Relations, quoting comment of a GI as he viewed Pisa's leaning tower.

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"Why was I made a sergeant? Clean living, hard work, devotion to duty, soldierly bearing and manner, loyalty, patriotism—and a mistake somewhere along the line."—HENRY MACLEMORE, sports writer and columnist, now in U S army.

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"This time I've thought about it longer, although you can't tell if a marriage is a success until after you've tried it."—LOIS ANDREWS, show-girl, announcing (after 4 days' meditation) her engagement to JACK TOPPING, millionaire brother-in-law of SONJA HENIE.

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"Just like home, ain't it?"—Comment of bos'un's mate abroad a transport at Saipan when a native woman and 10-day old son came aboard for medical treatment. (Ship's cook provided condensed milk; pharmacist's mate tried his hand at fashioning diapers.)

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"The impact of Mr Pegler's writing on the opinion content of any newspaper is very great. So great, in fact, that the editorial voice of Scripps-Howard could only continue by resort to a stridency which we do not care to employ."—ROY W HOWARD, pres, Scripps-Howard Newspapers, announcing that Westbrook Pegler will sever his connection with the chain at contract expiration, "by mutual consent." (Pegler will henceforth be syndicated by Hearst's King Features.)

"I'll bet a million, billion, trillion dollars my daddy has more dandruff than your daddy."—Climaxing challenge in a debate by two small Nebraska boys on relative merits of their respective sires.

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"We have rec'd complaints that war prisoners are being treated like guests, transported to movies and held up as great heroes. It's one thing to treat them decently, but it is something else to give them a lot of privileges just because they happened to be captured while trying to kill our boys. We are going to make a complete investigation."—Rep ANDREW J MAY, chairman, House Military Affairs committee.

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"Bu—but you're not dressed!"—Dismayed observation of immaculate British 2nd lt, when WM STRAND, *Chicago Tribune* correspondent fresh from Italy, entered an officers' mess in London wearing field uniform and combat jacket. STRAND's response: "A lot of guys fought in clothes like these and some pretty good men have died in no better. They were good enough to go into Rome with, and the Pope didn't object to them. Nuts to your mess!" (He ate in a hotel.)



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Who Died?—BETTY SMITH (author, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*) *N Y Times Mag*, 7-9-44.

Over 3,000 American boys died in the 1st 11 days of the invasion of France. Who were they? I'll tell you:

Not many yrs ago, there was a little boy sleeping in his crib. In the night thunder came. He awoke, cried. His mother came and fixed his blankets. "Don't cry," she said. "Nothing will ever hurt you." He died.

There was another boy, a little older. He had a new canvas bag slung over his shoulder, the marks of the comb in his wet hair. He was proud to be in business for himself. "Want to buy a *Post* mister?" He died.

There was another kid—rode his new bike no-hands while he folded the evening paper in a block, threw it against your door. "Some day," you said, "I'm going to give that kid a good talking to." He died.

There was another youngster. Why, it was only a yr or two ago: "I don't care what Johnny Johnson's father does," his dad had ruled. "You're too young to drive a car." He died when the plane he was piloting crashed in flames.

There was another fellow. He married the girl he'd been having dates with. Folks said he was too young to marry. When the baby came, they shook their heads. "Those foolish kids!" He died.

They all died.

And I don't know how any of us here at home can sleep peacefully tonight unless we are sure in our hearts that we have done our part all the way along the line—bonds, blood and labor.

ANGER—Futility

A shrewd but unlettered cobbler at Leyden often attended the public disputations held at the Academy, where the use of Latin was freely employed.

"Do you understand the language?" the cobbler was asked.

"No," he replied, "but I know who is wrong in the argument."

"How?"

"By observing who is angry first," was the sage reply.—ADRAIN ANDERSON, *Your Life*.

ARMED FORCES—Demobilization

Ret'n of vets from Europe at war's end will average 250,000 a mo. That means 1½ yrs will be req'd to bring all troops home. Occupational forces there will probably be made up of volunteers.—*Pathfinder*, 8-14-44.

BEHAVIOR

Strive always to be like a good watch—open face, busy hands, pure gold, well-regulated, full of good works.—*Christian Union Herald*.

BUSINESS—Casualties

Over 500,000 small businesses, principally retailers and consumers service organizations, have folded up since war started.—*Sales Mgt*.

CHURCH—Attendance

It is high time the 50% of non-church-going Americans began to recognize that the church is the only regular source of moral instruction for our youth. If you think it is imperfect, then get out of bed on wintry mornings, teach a class and show how to do it better.—GEO W CRANE, psychologist, Northwestern U.

CHURCH—Contributions

The Negro preacher was a bit weak on mathematics, but he made an earnest exhortation just the same: "De Scriptural rule fo' givin' was one-tenth o' what yo' had. If you all feels yo' can't affo'd that much, jes' give a sixth er a fo'th, accordin' t' yo' meanniss."

CO-OPERATION—in War

If we have to shame people to get them to buy War Bonds or join the WACs, or do a full day's work, we have lost all cunning in advertising. The British had a happier way of

putting an iron fist in a velvet glove when they concocted that slogan "It all depends on me."—VINCENT DRAYNE, "We Aren't All Mad At Each Other, Are We?" *Printer's Ink*, 8-11-44.

DIVINE PLAN

I doubt that God manipulates the universe in bold strokes; that He plans and executes wars to punish or promote. . . I think God works in very small things; that He is a God of individual personality, depending upon the goodness of one person to another to forward His purpose. . . He must depend on me to live and think His way, and for my life and actions to influence someone else.

To anyone but God, that must look like an awfully long and hopeless process. To anyone—but God.—Sgt HARLEY HASKIN, answering question, "What do you think about God's relationship to this war?" *Christian Advocate*, 8-10-44.

Wisdom for the West

Of the best rulers,
the people only know that they exist;

The next best, they love and praise;

The next they fear;

And the next they revile.

But of the best, when their task is accomplished, their work done,

The people all remark, "We have done it ourselves."

From LAOTZE'S *Book of Tao*, translated by LIN YUTANG, *The Wisdom of China and India*. (Random).

ENTHUSIASM

A Hollywood producer called a conference of writers; asked for suggestions on how to lick a story situation.

There were many suggestions, then a few moments of silence.

"Well," said the producer, "how about some more ideas?"

A writer spoke up: "When you're firing ideas, there has to be a pause occasionally."

"That's true," conceded the producer, "but I like enthusiastic pauses."—SIDNEY SKOLSKY, Hollywood col.

ERROR—Admission

In Ala, a car with Vt license plates was halted for speeding.

The Vt Yankee was furious. "I watched my speedometer," he insisted. "I was not speeding." But he paid the fine under protest.

Several days later, back in Vt, the driver rec'd a letter of apology from the Southern officer—and a check for the am't collected. "I tested my speedometer clock," the note said, "and found it was inaccurate."

The thrifty Vermonter squandered the money to have the note framed. He wanted posterity to have proof that a Southerner had admitted a Yankee to be in the right.—*The Woman*.

FAME—Lack

Once there was a boy who carved his name on the old-fashioned desk in the country schoolhouse—and grew up without becoming famous.—*Religious Telescope*.

GOD—Defined

"Son," said the chaplain to the troubled doubter, "if you believe in good, then you really do believe in God. In more than 23 languages and dialects, good is a synonym for God. What you really mean when you say you don't believe in God is that you don't believe in the existence of an elderly gentleman with a white beard, seated on a golden throne somewhere in the sky. Well, I don't either. But if you believe in acting according to your best understanding of all that is good, then you believe in God."

"But those things—aren't they just abstractions?" asked the boy.

"Not when translated into action. In action, abstractions come to life. That's what we call religion."—PERCY WAXMAN, "Man Cannot Live by Bread Alone," *Cosmopolitan*, 8-44.

LIFE—Objective

Sometimes one comes across a person with whom life is a fine art; then one realizes what a much more beautiful creation it is than books and pictures.—A C BENSON.

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Life is for everybody, just as sunshine is for everybody. To assert that you live your own life is like

asserting that the sun sends out special rays for your own private benefit.

MATERIALISM—Religion

The atheistic—materialistic education of mankind has little to offer except a few tricks in astronomy, electricity, chemistry, medicine. So we prolong life by sulfa drugs and penicillin and wipe it out by colossal bombings; so we prevent disease by prophylaxis and kill more human beings than ever before in wars. So we know all about social science and have increased hate upon this earth.

Religion at any rate tried to teach love and human brotherhood. . . It moved far, even in the direction of outlawing war. . . But we deal only with scientific facts now—and look at us!—GEO SOKOLSKY, syndicated col.

Strategy of Defeat

"A defeated nation can, even better than a victorious nation, be trained and prepared for the day of final victory. It may happen that I cannot win victory at once in this coming war; we may be forced to interrupt it. Then we all will be back underground. We will smile, we will look, we will wait. But after some yrs, when the weak and inefficient democracies will have utterly failed to solve the world's post-war problems, then we will suddenly break loose from underground and our stupefied enemies will discover too late that millions of their own youth, misguided by weak education, disappointed by democracy's failure will be on our side. Victory in this third World War will be quick and easy. It will be in our pocket like a ripe apple we take from the falling tree of democracy."—ADOLF HITLER, in a memorandum written in '38, nearly a yr before the invasion of Poland.

MOTION PICTURES

What characterizes almost all Hollywood pictures is their inner emptiness.—JAS T FARRELL, *Sat Rev of Lit*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
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MEGAPHONE**

The *Radio Handbook* issued by CIO Public Action committee is clear indication that union intends to make its voice heard on the air in coming election. Local groups are urged to form radio committees; play on jealousy between newspapers and radio; "shout", "make it loud"; get station refusals in writing; carry complaints to FCC if necessary.

July issue of *Domestic Commerce*, organ of U S Bureau of Foreign & Domestic Commerce, has article "de-glamorizing" army jeep, for postwar domestic service. Points out vehicle is uncomfortable, expensive, has little carrying capacity, is no good as sub for tractor. (But dough-boys love it. And House this wk took up proposal to permit vets to buy jeeps at wholesale price. Meanwhile Willys-Overland plans modified farm model; has placed order for 25,000 bodies.)

Alarmed by drop in high school enrollment (2,750,000 kids between 14-17 are holding jobs) Children's Bureau appeals to older brothers, sisters in armed services to urge kids to complete education. Offers \$25 prize for best letter from man or woman in military forces on stay-in-school theme.

Nearly 10,000 Australian girls have married U S servicemen. A thousand of these war brides, some 200 babies, have gone to U S. . . Women are demanding wider shoes. Mfgs attribute change to wartime activities resulting in increased foot fatigue.

Restaurant men are unable to account for sudden nation-wide epidemic of "disappearing" silverware, chiefly teaspoons. They credit (or debit) souvenir hunters.



ARMY: Nonmetallic mines, now widely used by Germans, represent problem since usual detectors will not locate them. Newest technique is use of specially trained dogs to "smell out" mine fields. Called M-dogs, they work on 6-ft leash, always with same soldier.

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AVIATION: Practical experience of American forces with newest German rocket-propelled fighter plane, now used as interceptor against our bombers over Germany, leads to belief that it completes vertical dives at higher speed than any previous controlled flights. (Present record, around 800 mph). Known officially as ME-163, plane is called *Jetty* by American fliers, because it utilizes principle of jet propulsion. (U S and British have developed jet-propelled planes; have not announced their use.) Tho faster than anything we now have, several ME-163's have been shot down due to maneuverability of our craft, superior skill of Allied pilots.

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INVENTION: Hydraulic stilts strapped to workman's legs enable him to raise himself easily for work above ordinary reach. Upper end attaches to waist belt. Shank of stilt contains pump operated by handle at top. (*Science News Letter*.)

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SCIENCE: First artificial fertilization of human ova, in glass test tube has been accomplished. Experiments are not, of course, in expectation of producing life artificially. Represent medical study of 1st steps in human conception, which cannot be observed in natural processes. One special purpose: to gather data on baffling problem of human sterility. (*Science*.)

PAPER-WORK

Our cab just missed collision with a cab that cut in ahead. "Ya know," our driver said, "we used to have a way of teachin' them guys a lesson—we'd smash one of their fenders. It don't pay to do it now, though. Too many papers to fill out."—*New Yorker*.

POSTWAR—Housing

At this moment, acc'd'g to big adv boys, millions of women are staring with a glassy mind's eye into the technicolor dream world, composed of glass ovens, glass plumbing, streamlined plastic basins, remote-control ironing boards and synthetic diapers, changed by radar. . .

These Utopian maisonettes will resemble something between a modernistic gas station and the type of high-class roadhouse seen on better speedways. Between pushing buttons and watching soapsuds gurggle down glass pipes, time will be spent flirting with the begoggled salesmen who come dumping down on the roof in a helicopter. . .

There could be mass hara-kiri if Armistice day dawns bright and clear, and the adv boys fail to come thru. — T H ROBSJOHN-GIBBINGS, *Postwar Dream World—or Reality?* *House Beautiful*, 8-'44.

PROGRESS—Need for

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.—*The Journeyman Barber*.

RACES—Negro

75% of Negro readers desire that the fanning of race hatred and prejudice in news stories and editorials be tempered. They desire that the fight for racial equality and recognition of civil liberties be waged with less antagonism in order that the ultimate goal be reached through education, harmony and understanding.—CONSUELO C YOUNG, "A Study of Reader Attitudes Toward the Negro Press," *Journalism Quarterly*.

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Joe Louis, in England for a series of boxing exhibitions in the camps, was asked: "How is it you give so much time to helping win this war?

Isn't there a lot wrong with the way you colored folks are treated in the U S?"

"Sure, Mister," replied Joe, "there's a lot wrong in the U S—but it's nothing Hitler can fix!"—*Christian Herald*, 9-'44.

SCIENCE—vs Supernatural

According to several Italian churchmen the recent disastrous earthquake in Italy was caused, not by unbalanced stresses in the crust of the earth, but by the Christian God, as punishment for the sins of men, women and little children in the devastated areas! Granted, for the sake of the argument, that the bishops are right and modern geology is wrong about earthquakes, we may still ask for evidence that men, women and little children living in earthquake areas are greater sinners than people living elsewhere.—A J CARLSON, "Science and the Supernatural," *The Scientific Monthly*, 8-'44.

SECURITY

No weapon. . . ever assured security to a nation. Only in the mind of man can he find the stones for impregnable fortifications. Only by constant alertness and wise leadership can he provide for his safety. . . That nation maintains itself longest which is alert, wise, realistic.—PAUL MALLON, syndicated col.

SERVICE—in Wartime

After Joe Steele and his party had dined at a local cafe, they were astonished by the alert politeness of the parking-lot boy. He wiped the windshield of Joe's car and bowed and "yes-sirred" all over the place. "What's wrong with that guy?" queried the puzzled Steele. "Doesn't he know there's a war on?"—JIMMIE FIDLER, Hollywood col.

TAXES

For every dollar of income in '19 individuals paid about 4½¢ in taxes. In '43, for each dollar of income 13¢ went for taxes.—W M CURTISS, Cornell U.

WOMAN—as Civilizer

"You lawyers would persuade us that society was formed by men making a contract. Contract!" he

Capitalism, Religion and Democracy

It is the province of a "practical" America to deny and decry its mystics. In part, this results from an inherent distrust of the new, the untried, the "theoretical." And in part the fault lies with the mystic himself, in that he is congenitally incapable of implementing his dreams. Tho these visions may be slow in coming to fruition, they have a place and a purpose. The mystic and the mercenary are alike essential to the leavening of our nat'l life. HENRY WALLACE has been called a mystic. The accuracy of the term is newly accented by a collection of the vice-president's speeches that has lately come from the press (Democracy Reborn, Reynal & Hitchcock, \$3.) Many persons (including some who distrust Mr Wallace as a political servant) will accept the validity of his vision.

This excerpt is from a lecture delivered at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., Feb 24, '38:

For the 1st time in the history of the world, we have here in the U S the possibility of combining into a truly harmonious whole all the prerequisites to the good life. We have the natural resources, the accumulated capital, the democratic traditions, the educational institutions and the agencies for instantaneous communication of ideas. . .

A democracy can last over the centuries only if it is composed of individuals who have subjected their individual selves to certain religious disciplines. When I say this I am not pleading that all people of the U S should be Protestants or Jews or Catholics, but I am asking that Protestants, Jews, Catholics and non-church mbrs should recognize the doctrine of the gen'l welfare.

The original American ideal was an ideal both of the whole man and of the whole society. It had to do with money-making and politics as well as with the religion of the church. Our Pilgrim fathers felt they were being just as religious when they made shoes or hoed corn or engaged in a town meeting as when they engaged in the more formal service in God's house.

The time is now ripe for religion to stand again for the whole man. It is time for ministers to realize that every minute of every day is a

religious experience. Going to church may serve to restore our spiritual storage batteries. But we may as well realize that many people are able to restore their spiritual storage batteries in other ways. In any event, much significant work is done outside the church. The economic, political, artistic and scientific endeavors of man can be made just as significant from a spiritual point of view as the purely churchly endeavors.

Who am I to criticise a Catholic, a Jew or a Protestant for the way in which he obtains the spiritual power with which to discipline himself on behalf of the gen'l welfare? It is not the American way to be intolerant of any approach to God.

I wish to say, therefore, that in the capitalism, the democracy and the religion of America there can be discovered workable foundations for bldg here and now an enduring social mechanism for serving 1st the gen'l welfare of the U S, and in so doing, eventually the gen'l welfare of the whole world. The foundation has been laid here broad and deep. The time has come to form the bricks of capitalism and the mortar of democracy into a superstructure conceived according to the principles of religion in the very broadest and deepest sense of the whole man and the whole society.

snorted. "Contact, I say! Society was formed by a man making a contact with a woman, and by her having children and preserving them from his brutalities. For that matter, the process still goes on. Society was never founded. It is always being re-founded thru the saving quality of female mercy. And

by God Almighty, I say as a medical man, as a sort of despised male camp follower of armies," the doctor spluttered, "that we contract-making and contract-breaking men need all this quality the women can provide."—Dr Boyd, a character in *Bedford Village*, by HERVEY ALLEN (Farrar & Rinehart).



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

The Prophet

HORACE TRAUBEL

Eugene V Debs called Traubel "the master democrat of his times." He was an intimate friend of Walt Whitman and his most important literary work is the 3-vol biography, *With Walt Whitman in Camden*. A proponent of Marxist theories, he was for a time a factor in the Rose Valley communal movement, near Phila. From 1890 he edited a little magazine, *The Conservator*, where this selection originally appeared. Born in Camden in 1858, Horace Traubel died in '19—twenty-five yrs ago this wk.

He said, "I see." And they said: "He's crazy; crucify him."

He still said, "I see." And they said: "He's an extremist." And they tolerated him.

And he continued to say: "I see." And they said: "He's eccentric." And they rather liked him, but smiled at him.

And he stubbornly said again: "I see." And they said: "There's something in what he says." And they gave him half an ear.

But he said as if he'd never said it before: "I see." And at last they were awake; and they gathered about him and built a temple in his name. And yet he only said: "I see."

And they wanted to do something for him. "What can we do to express to you our regret?"

He only smiled. He touched them with the ends of his fingers and kissed them. What could they do for him? "Nothing more than you have done," he answered. And what was that? they wanted to know.

"You see," he said, "that's reward enough; you see, you see."

The bank teller was inexperienced, but resolved not to be lacking in caution. In a brisk manner he challenged practically everyone who presented paper to be converted into cash.

At the end of the line, an old patron of the bank, amused by the passing parade, decided to try an experiment. When his turn came, in response to the usual query, "Have you any identification?" he fumbled in his pocket, produced a snapshot and handed it to the teller. The young man eyed the print judiciously, then gave the patron a careful scrutiny. "Okay," he said at length, "you look like your picture. I guess it's all right to cash the check."

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When a midwestern reporter turned in a story about a farmer's loss of 2,025 pigs by theft, an alert copyreader thought the figure pretty high; phoned the farmer to check on it.

"Did you lose 2,025 pigs?" he asked.

The distraught farmer answered, "Yeth."

So the smart newsman thanked him; changed the copy to make the loss two sows and 25 pigs.



Wisecracks OF THE WEEK

As the Fuehrer seems singularly immune to the effect of bombs, how about getting back to work to that perennial project, the better rat trap?—SEN SOAPER.

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If the bustle ever comes back again, we hope it will find its way into Gov't offices.—Banking.

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Pay as you go—but don't go so much.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

LAUGHS WITH LEGISLATORS

SEN ALLEN W. BARKLEY
of Kentucky

Three times the enthusiastic patron had made his way to the ticket window to place heavy wagers on *Bluebells* in the 4th race.

On the 4th pilgrimage, an observer tapped the bettor on the shoulder: "Brother," he said, "it's none o' my business, I reckon, but if I was you, I wouldn't be puttin' all that money on *Bluebells*; he ain't goin' to win no race."

"Yeah?" said the other, "How'd you figure that?"

"Well, if you must know," responded the counselor "I own *Bluebells*, an' I jes' know he ain't goin' t' win."

"Um-m," was the meditative response. "Well, all I can say is that it's going to be mighty slow race; I own the other four horses."

A woman guest at a Mich resort hotel, having a bit of emergency pressing to undertake, stopped at the desk to inquire, before plugging in her iron: "Have you AC or DC current here?"

"Just a moment," said the clerk, "I'll see." Presently he ret'd to report: "I'm sorry, madam, but neither is registered with us."

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"Fighting is all right, provided you do it intelligently."

"Yes, but you can't always find a smaller man."—*The Dental Students' Magazine*.

A patient came to a field hospital with the complaint that he was unable to sleep at night. The doctor's advice was for the soldier to eat something before going to bed.

"But, Doctor," the patient reminded him, "two months ago you told me never to eat anything before going to bed."

The good doctor blinked, and then in full professional dignity replied, "My boy, that was two months ago. Science has made enormous strides since then."—*Coronet*.

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Now approaches the football season—the only time of yr when you can walk down the st with a blonde on one arm and a blanket on the other, without encountering raised eyebrows.—*Jobber Topics*.

